

***Shelby County Fire Department
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The Shelby County Fire Department will reopen a closed fire station later this week to serve residents in Northeast Shelby County. On August 1st, Engine Company 60, at 5380 Egypt Central Road, will be able to respond to fires in an area with almost 4,000 homes and businesses.

“Our goal was to provide faster service to citizens in this part of the county. A reduction in fire insurance rates will also be a benefit since the station will be closer to the homes and businesses,” said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Fire response districts were recently redrawn for Shelby County, which led to the reopening of the fire station. About 96% of the homes and businesses in this part of the county will be within 2.5 miles of the fire station. The remaining 4% being will be within 5 miles away.

No additional firefighters will be hired to staff the fire station. A fire engine from the Lakeland fire station will be moved to the Egypt Central station, which has been closed since 1988. Renovations cost less than \$150,000.

The Shelby County Fire Department dispatches more than 17,000 calls annually. Its nine fire companies serve more than 40,000 homes and businesses throughout unincorporated Shelby County and Lakeland.

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